



CITY OF DORAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

All residents, property owners and other interested parties are hereby notified of a **LOCAL PLANNING AGENCY MEETING** on **May 19, 2021 beginning at 10:00 AM.**

General Public Comments: members of the public that wish to provide comments in writing may do so by emailing the City Clerk at cityclerk@cityofdoral.com. Comments must be submitted with your name and full address by **Tuesday, May 18, 2021 at 5:00 pm**. The comments will be circulated to the elected officials and administration, as well as remain as a part of the record for the meeting.

Public Hearing Comments (Pre-Registration): interested parties that wish to speak on the Public Hearing item(s) **ONLY**, must register by **Tuesday, May 18, 2021 at 5:00 pm** via this link: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1824723521766837005>

The meeting will be broadcasted live for members of the public to view on the City of Doral's website (<https://www.cityofdoral.com/government/city-clerk/council-meetings>) as well as Channel 77 and Facebook Live.

The City of Doral proposes to adopt the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION No. 21-

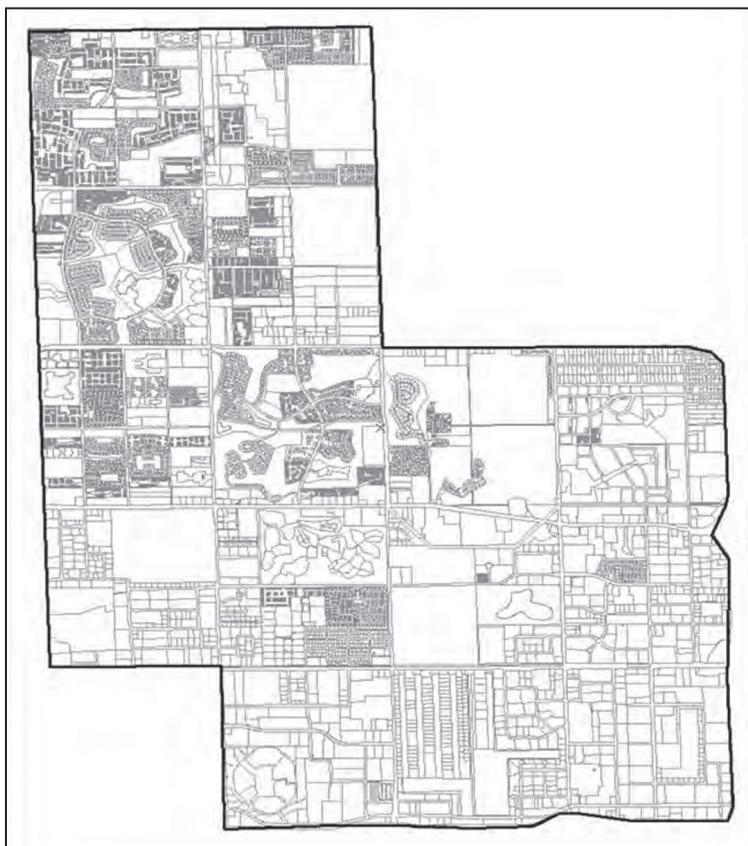
A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DORAL, FLORIDA, SITTING AS THE LOCAL PLANNING AGENCY, RECOMMENDING APPROVAL / DENIAL OF, OR GOING FORWARD WITHOUT A RECOMMENDATION TO THE LOCAL GOVERNING BODY A TEXT AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF DORAL LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE, CHAPTER 53, "ADMINISTRATION," ARTICLE II, "PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT," DIVISION 5, "SUMMARY OF USES AND DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS," MODIFYING SECTION 53-128, "USE COMPATIBILITY TABLE," ELIMINATING SCHOOLS AS A PERMITTED USE WITHIN THE INDUSTRIAL COMMERCIAL DISTRICT (IC), INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT (I) AND INDUSTRIAL RESTRICTIVE (I-R) ZONING DISTRICTS; AND AMENDING CHAPTER 68, "LAND USES AND ZONING DISTRICTS," ARTICLE VI, "INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT (I)," DIVISION 2 "INDUSTRIAL COMMERCIAL DISTRICT (IC)," DIVISION 3, "INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT (I)," AND DIVISION 4, "INDUSTRIAL RESTRICTIVE DISTRICT (I-R)"; REMOVING PUBLIC SCHOOLS AS A PERMITTED USE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

HEARING NO.: 21-05-DOR-01

APPLICANT: City of Doral

REQUEST: The City of Doral Staff is requesting Mayor and City Council approval of a text amendment to Chapter 53 and Chapter 68 of the City of Doral Land Development Code to remove schools as a permitted use within the Industrial Commercial District (IC), Industrial District (I) and Industrial Restrictive District (I-R).

Location Map



Inquiries regarding the item may be directed to the Planning and Zoning Department at 305-59-DORAL.

Pursuant to Section 286.0105, Florida Statutes If a person decides to appeal any decisions made by the City Council with respect to any matter considered at such meeting or hearing, they will need a record of the proceedings and, for such purpose, may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. This notice does not constitute consent by the City for introduction or admission of otherwise inadmissible or irrelevant evidence, nor does it authorize challenges or appeals not otherwise allowed by law. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, any persons who are disabled and who need special accommodations to participate in this meeting because of that disability should contact the Planning and Zoning Department at 305-59-DORAL no later than three (3) business days prior to the proceeding.

Connie Diaz, MMC
City Clerk
City of Doral City of Doral

BANKING/ FINANCE

Miami Money Manager Gets 4 Years in Venezuela Bribery Case



Judge Kathleen Williams found that Gustavo Hernandez Frieri's role in the conspiracy didn't justify the nearly 10-year sentence prosecutors were seeking since he had no involvement in the original bribery scheme.

by Joshua Goodman

A federal judge has sentenced a Miami money manager to nearly four years in prison for his role in a \$1.2 billion conspiracy to embezzle funds from Venezuela's state-owned oil company.

Prosecutors had been seeking a much stiffer sentence against Gustavo Hernandez Frieri, arguing that he had misled them about his assets and business dealings after pleading guilty in 2019 to a single count of conspiring to launder money.

But Judge Kathleen Williams late Friday found that Hernandez's role in the conspiracy didn't justify the nearly 10-year sentence prosecutors were seeking since he had no involvement in the original bribery scheme.

She did, however, scold Hernandez for undermining the pledge he made as part of his plea deal to assist prosecutors in locating and forfeiting \$12 million in assets — the equivalent of the amount that he managed on behalf of a corrupt executive at oil giant PDVSA.

Hernandez is only the second individual sentenced as part of Operation Money Flight, a major investigation into how businessmen bribed officials in President Nicolas Maduro's government to siphon billions from PDVSA through bogus currency deals.

Proceeds from the overall scheme were funneled through shell companies and bank accounts in Switzerland, Malta and Hong Kong before being hidden in luxury real estate in Miami, Spain and elsewhere.

Hernandez's lawyers argued that he had lived a meaningful life dedicated in part to philanthropy until he was approached by an informant working under the direction of federal investigators to move money on behalf of Abraham Ortega, the bribe-taking PDVSA official, who has also pleaded guilty.

Less than 1% of the \$1.2 billion identified as part of Money Flight ever touched Hernandez's hands. Some of the funds deposited with his firm, Global Security Advisors, came from an undercover, U.S. government-controlled account. Defense attorneys also pointed to 10 meetings he had with investigators as a sign of his cooperation.

"This is not heartland money laundering," said defense attorney Michael Pasano. "From a money perspective, he's a blip on the screen."

Judge Williams acknowledged the large number of letters she had received highlighting Hernandez's work on behalf of Techo, a nonprofit youth-led organization that builds low-income homes in Latin America. As vice chairman of a U.S. affiliate of the group, Hernandez dramatically expanded its fundraising capacity.

But she said she felt "whipsawed" by Hernandez's acceptance of responsibility for his crime while diminishing his responsibility in the overall scheme.

"Mr Hernandez has done more since his plea to obscure who he is than to reveal who he is," Williams said.

Prosecutors complained Hernandez's monthly probation reports of his post-arrest activity failed to mention dealings with Raj Bhakta, a former contestant on "The Apprentice" — the reality TV show once starring Donald Trump.

Bhakta himself has not been implicated in wrongdoing, but prosecutors say the investments should have been reported.

The two last year joined efforts with Hernandez's ex-wife to launch a company selling meat from a Florida farm owned by Bhakta. Hernandez's friends have described the venture as an attempt to provide for his family while he is locked away.

Prosecutors also say Hernandez moved to give his ex-wife control of a trust that owns a \$2.7 million home in the leafy Miami suburb of Coral Gables. The two divorced shortly after Hernandez's arrest, but are living together in that home, control of which — along with a Brooklyn town home — is disputed in a related forfeiture case. Hernandez maintains he resigned as trustee of the trust, which was created in 2013, on the advice of his lawyer and it is now fully controlled by his ex-wife for the benefit of their children.

Ortega, the former executive director of financial planning at PDVSA, allowed the ring's members to turn windfall profits overnight through fake loans taking advantage of the vast gap between Venezuela's official currency exchange rate and the black market rate. He is scheduled to be sentenced next week.

Some of the bribe proceeds were transferred to accounts in Hernandez's native Colombia by Global Security Advisors, which Hernandez ran with his brother and former brother-in-law. The company entered liquidation following Hernandez's arrest.

Joshua Goodman reports for the Associated Press.